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K-8 proposal for Southport school lacks board support

By Steve Marschke
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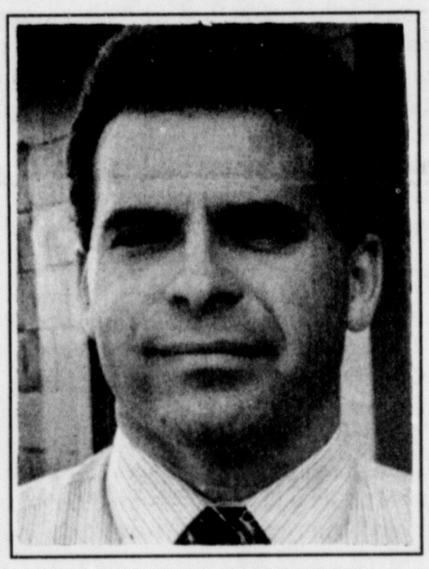

KARL MACHSCHEFES

A proposal to add junior high grades to Southport Elementary School has lost momentum, although proponent Karl Machschefes of the Washington Unified School District school board said yesterday he hopes the board will revisit it soon.

Board President Irene Eklund said she and colleagues Kevin Jones, Pat Flint and Dave Farmer opted to put the idea on the back burner at last week's board meeting.

"It was really basically a determination that the board does not feel this is an 'A-number-one' priority right now," said Eklund. "We have too many irons in the fire, including construction of a new high school. Doing this would drain the middle school (of students) and it would not be fair – how would you pick the 64 people who would attend seventh and eighth grades at Southport out of more than 400 kids in the middle school? And there are so many other unanswered questions – would we pay to bus those kids from other areas, and what would be the criteria to choose the kids?"

Eklund also said that adding seventh and eighth grades to Southport Elementary School would mean the school could hold fewer elementary school students – a problem, in light of the residential growth occurring near the school's Linden Road location.

"There are new homes going in around Southport school – how would we tell those families their kids can't go to the school in their neighborhood?"

Machschefes, who has children at Southport Elementary including one set to enter seventh grade this fall, said that the issue was "more than personal" to him.

"This has been an issue for me for more than five and a half years," he said yesterday. "Yes, it is personal, but it goes far beyond that. As a board member, I'm looking out for all the kids, at what's best for all the kids."

Machschefes said he is also an vocal proponent of "full day" kindergarten programs in the district – a program in which his family has no stake.

Machschefes also said the proposal to add middle school grades on some elementary school campuses could be reviewed not only for Southport (which has a former middle school principal, Diane Tope Smith, as its head), but "for one school in the north area and one in the south."

Southport is just the campus he worked with first.

"I'm trying to push this for two schools, one on the north side and one on the south side," commented Machschefes. "The south side school could be Westmore Oaks, Evergreen or Southport."

Adding the upper grades to a couple of elementary schools – which now serve kindergarten through sixth – would provide another option for kids "not ready" for separate grade middle school at Golden State, he said.

"The goal is to provide an alternative setting for some kids," said Machschefes. "Not every kid is set up to succeed at a separate middle school."

His school board colleagues on the board passed on the plan presented for Southport last week, but Machschefes said he hopes to bring the issue back.

"It's a very alive issue. Whether it happens this year or not is a question mark. Assuming we get two new board members in January, as well as myself, it will be one of the first issues we address."

Machschefes is up for election in November, as well as Eklund and Flint, who have both said they do not to seek another term.

Also in school board business, the board is scheduled to hold a special public meeting on a "vision" for the planned new high school, Saturday morning at 8:00 at the district boardroom.

Hailing a water taxi

The mayors of Sacramento and West Sacramento helped open the season for the River Otter Water Taxi, which plies the two cities' joint riverfront through October..

The taxi service runs on weekends from 11:45 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. through May; daily 11:15-9:40 from June to September 6; and again on weekend hours from Sept. 7 to Oct. 31.

Tickets are available in Old Sacramento between 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the L Street Landing on First Street, between Joe's Crab Shack and Rio City Cafe. Call 446-7704. Reservations are recommended.

The taxi will take you on a one-hour loop serving several area marinas, inlcuding Raley's Landing near West Sacramento's ziggurat building, for $6 ($3 for kids 12 and under). It will also bring you between Raley's Landing and Old Sacramento for just $1.

The 24-foot twin River Otter boats can also be chartered. The service is owned by the Waterfront Area Visitor and Entertainment Services (WAVES), a nonprofit operation of the two cities' chambers of commerce, and helped by city funds.

ABOVE: The River Otter Water Taxi plies V.I.P.s around the Sacramento River

RIGHT: Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo with West Sacramento counterpart Christopher Cabaldon

Courtesy of Art Schroeder, City of West Sacramento

Council approves motel purchase

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The West Sacramento City Council last week approved the public purchase of a West Capitol Avenue hotel on 0.7 acres for about $2 million. The purchase was made to help assemble property for a possible future private development to include condominiums for sale.

One member of the public, Bill Lowell, questioned whether the $1,950,000 price tag for the Siesta Inn might be too high, but the proposal passed with little council discussion. Several developers are in negotiations with the city about building the project.

"Yes, it is a very big catalytic investment on West Capitol Avenue," Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said yesterday. The market for development on West Capitol is upside-down. The land prices being set by many of the property owners and particularly by motel owners are far higher than any private developer can afford to make work any kind of new development. What we are doing is assembling a large parcel that will change the economy of the market on West Capitol, showing (a successful redevelopment project) is possible."

Council member Bill Kristoff felt likewise.

"It's a lot of money," he commented. "But I think that it's a step in the right direction, and that's why I supported it. Once we assemble the property, we have the opportunity to sell those properties to the developers, probably for condos or townhouse-style development. Someone needs to take the lead and be the up-front force that starts the transformation of West Capitol."

Council moves towards raising hotel tax

The West Sacramento City Council last week directed its staff to proceed with a plan to raise local hotel and motel room rental taxes.

"The principal motivation is to raise revenue for the redevelopment of West Capitol Avenue," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon.

He added that with the state's budget crisis and its propensity to transfer revenues away from cities and counties as a budget fix, West Sacramento would benefit from having more locally controlled tax money. City staff had reported that room rental taxes (transient occupancy tax, or "TOT") in West Sacramento are only eight percent, compared to 12 percent cumulatively across the river in Sacramento.

Cabaldon said he did not feel a higher rate would put local motels and hotels at a disadvantage.

"There's really no impact," he said studies have shown. "When a traveler calls for rates or goes on 'hotels.com' to look for a place to stay, they're really interested in the ratings and in the room rate, but are often completely unaware whether the hotel tax is 10 percent or 18 percent."

The new revenue would instead help the industry through redevelopment, by "creating a destination and raising the bar for the local motel market," said the mayor.

West Sac joins Sacto regional sewage district

West Sacramento is now part of the Sacramento Regional Sanitation District.

Nearly three years of planning and negotiations have led to the city joining the formerly Sacramento County organization. The district will be allowed to run a pipeline through West Sacramento, connecting Natomas with the district sewage treatment plant in Elk Grove. And West Sacramento will eventually be able to hook up to that pipeline, using the Elk Grove plant and getting out of the sewage treatment business inside the city.

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Yolo County Supervisor Michael McGowan will take seats on the 12-person governing board of the district today.

Do you know someone with a broken heart?

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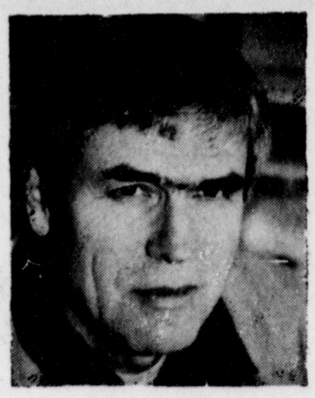

By Daryl Fisher

I have a good friend who recently broke up with her longtime boyfriend and unfortunately she's taking it pretty hard. In the past when a man would come and go out of her life she seemed to bounce back rather quickly, but this time she is pretty down in the dumps.

"But there's always another guy," I reminded her.

"I know that," she agreed, "but I'm not getting any younger and I really thought this might be the one."

"If you ask me," I said, knowing the person she had dumped, "you dodged a bullet."

"But he made me laugh," she explained. "Plus he played a great game of Scrabble."

"Well," I admitted, "being a good Scrabble player is a definite plus in any relationship, but I don't remember him bringing much else to the party."

"He was a great cook," she said in her ex-boyfriend's defense, "and that's almost impossible to find in a man nowadays. Plus he dressed nice and made a really good first impression."

"Then why did you leave him?" I asked.

"Well, let's just say he was always dressing up and making a good first impression with every woman he met."

Then I happened to look down at her coffee table and resting there was a paperback book entitled, "How to Heal a Broken Heart in 30 Days".

"What in the world is this?" I asked her, picking up the book.

"I saw it at a garage sale," she explained, "and I figured it couldn't hurt. I've only glanced through it, but I plan to read it from cover to cover in a few days."

As I thumbed through the book, written by a couple of guys named Howard Bronson and Mike Riley, I discovered that not only was it a general guide for all those who are suffering from the pain of romantic loss, but it also had a "plan of action" that seemed to make a lot of sense. It included such things as "Cry till you're dry", give yourself a "poor me" holiday, and maybe most important of all, make sure you "keep away" from the person who has made you so miserable.

"Hey," I said, knowing that my friend has a sweet tooth, "it says in here that you should eat lots of chocolate -- that coca contains a natural chemical than stimulates your brain in ways that can make you feel better and help improve your mood."

She pointed to jar full of Hershey's Kisses on top of a book case near the television set and said, "I've been going through them like water."

"And," I continued, "it also says that having a broken heart can be the most effortless weight loss program there is."

"Boy, they're right about that! I haven't had an appetite for weeks now and the pounds are just falling off me. I keep telling myself that if I can just manage to somehow live through this I'm going to look really great."

"It also says here that you have to rebuild your funny bone," I said. "You're supposed to stay on the lookout for genuinely funny stuff -- call a friend who always makes you roar with laughter -- wear a silly hat to the office -- play practical jokes on your co-workers -- hire a clown..."

"Hire a clown?" she interrupted me.

"That's what it says."

"Right now," she said, "I think I'm still at that stage where I'd rather hire a hit man."

"Well," I said, "in that case, you might want to try a little seven step program a lady I once knew said was very successful for her when she was getting over guys who had treated her bad."

"Really," asked my friend with interest. "What are the seven steps?"

"If I remember right," I said, "I think they go a little like this: Step one, picture yourself near a beautiful stream. Step two, imagine birds are softly chirping in the cool mountain air. Step three, pretend no one but you knows about this secret place of yours. Step four, relax and appreciate the fact that you are in total seclusion from that hectic place they call the world. Step five, listen carefully to the soothing sound of a gentle waterfall as it fills the air with a cascade of serenity. Step six, gaze down into the calming crystal clear water. And step seven, visualize the face of the guy you are holding under the water."

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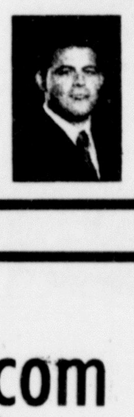

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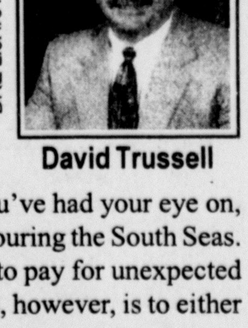

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David Trussell

When you refinance a property at a lower interest rate, you are probably going to reduce your monthly mortgage payments, giving you additional net income. You could also have tens of thousands in home equity cash available to you. What will you do with it?

It's always a temptation to buy the new recreational vehicle you've had your eye on, replace your living room furniture or book passage on a cruise ship touring the South Seas. Some consumers use equity cash to send the children to college or to pay for unexpected medical or dental bills. The most prudent use of home equity funds, however, is to either invest them or apply them to debt consolidation.

You can re-invest in your own property by making significant improvements that add to the market value of your home, such as remodeling the kitchen or adding a luxury bathroom. You can invest equity cash in an income-earning rental property or a commercial business. Some consumers invest in the stock market, which offers a less secure return on investment dollars.

Home equity cash can also be used to pay off, pay down or consolidate your high-interest credit card debts. Be careful not to get stuck in the cycle of paying down a card only to start using it to make new purchases once the balance is low.

Should you have additional questions about your refinance needs, don't hesitate to call me.

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Events around the region

Free haircuts

The Sacramento City College Cosmetology Department will offer free haircuts or a manicure with a canned food donation April 20-23. For appointments call 558-2595. Patrons must be six years of age or older. All work is done by students and supervised by instructors. Food donations go to Food for Families.

Country hoe down

Farm Sanctuary will be holding its annual Country Hoe Down on May 8-9 at its Orland, CA shelter, located at 19080 Newville Road. There will be tours, hayrides, delicious vegetarian food and a barn dance. Farm Sanctuary is a non-profit animal protection organization which works to prevent the cruelty to farm animals. For more information, call 607-5833-2225 or visit www.farmsanctuary.org.

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on April 21st at the Belle Colledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program is entitled "America Moves West." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

College fair

On May 10th high school and community college students and their parents can explore college enrollment opportunities at the Central Valley WACAC Regional College Fair at UC Davis. Representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities will be there. The fair will be held at Recreation Hall from 9-noon and 5-8 p.m. Admission is free but parking is 6$. For more information call 530-752-3710 or go on-line at why.ucdavis.edu/wacac.

Wildlife viewing

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open April 24th for docent guided walks where you will go through grasslands and see birds of prey and other wetlands happenings. To reach the refuge trail head, take I5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. Call 775-4420.

Obituaries

Pyrle Moler

Pyrle Moler passed away at the age of 91 in Sacramento on April 11, 2004. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Westley Moler, Sr.; the loving mother of William (LaVerne) Moler, Richard Moler, Jr., Shirley (Dan) Shaw, & Nadene (Jack) Livermore; the dear sister of Warren Coates; the devoted grandmother of JoDe, David, Brandon, Brenda, Bradley & Byron; and great grandmother of eight. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Moler was a native of Kansas and a 47-year resident of West Sacramento. At her request, no services will be held. Private inurnment will be at East Lawn Sierra Hills Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the American Heart Association. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

Betty Arlene Webb

Betty Webb was born on May 24, 1941 in Eureka, California and passed away on March 23, 2004 in Sacramento. She was an accounting technician by trade and is survived by daughters Debbie and Michelle, and son Ed. She will be missed by her co-workers at the Defense Commissary in Sacramento where she was employed. Her remains were returned to her family in Virginia.

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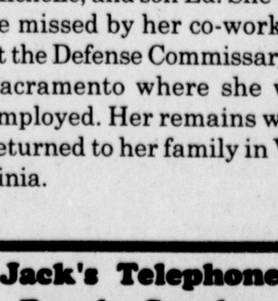

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (55-26) caught the Shaq and Kobe show off guard on Easter Sunday to knock off the Los Angeles Lakers (54-26) 105-85. The Kings finally put together a great team effort on both ends of the court only to have the result tarnished by Kobe Bryant. In 12 of the last 14 regular season meetings between the Kings and Lakers, either Shaq or Kobe has led the Lakers in both points and rebounds. On Sunday the two players combined for a total of 2 points!

Kobe used this game to quiet his teammates who have been complaining that he shoots the ball too much. Bryant shot only one time in the first half and finished the contest with only eight points. The question was, did Doug Christie shut down Kobe or did he just pass the ball to prove his point?

Anyway the Kings won and only need one more victory in their last two games to clinch the Pacific Title for the third consecutive year.

A funny thing happened to the Kings in Denver on the following day in Denver. The Kings fell back into their old ways and lost 97-89 to the playoff bound Nuggets. The Nuggets' victory gave them their first NBA playoff berth in nine years! Before a sell-out crowd of 19,746 fans the Nuggets locked up the No. 8 spot in the playoffs after only winning 17 games last season.

Bobby Jackson, who missed 24 straight games before returning on April 8th, will sit out the remaining regular season games. In the 24 games his missed the Kings bench was outscored 472-647, or 19.7 points per game to 27 points. The Kings need Jackson to win in the playoffs!

The Pacific Division title will go down to the season finally on Wednesday, April 14th at Golden State (7:30 p.m.-ch.10) or if the Warriors beat the Lakers in L.A. on Tuesday night. The Timberwolves need one more win or Kings loss to lock up the Western Conference championship and home court advantage throughout the playoffs. If the Wolves lose on Wednesday to Memphis and the Spurs beat Denver at home San Antonio will win the second tiebreaker by virtue of a better conference record.

Kings will open the playoffs at home on Saturday but the details are still to be determined after Wednesday night's season finally!

Are you ready for some basketball action!

Major League Baseball

The big news in baseball this week was Barry Bond's 660th home run to tie Willie Mays in the record books. Bonds crushed his big home run in dramatic fashion on Monday in the Giants opener against Milwaukee. The Giants were trailing the Brewers 4-2 when Mr. Bonds put number 660 in McCovey Cove.

See ya next week!

RCHS Tennis defeats Escalon in 9-0 match

From River City High School

The River City High School tennis team traveled down to Escalon to take on the Cougars, a perennial Sac-Joaquin Section power, last week. In one of their best matches of the year, the Raiders came away with a very impressive 9-0 win. The two squads are both in first place in their respective leagues and have met eight times previously, with each team winning four.

The Raiders started quickly with Sen Saetern (#2 boys) and Mai Ker Yang (#1 girls) posting 10-0 wins in singles matches. Leslie Yang followed with a 10-3 victory in the #2 girls singles spot and the top girls doubles team of Krystle Parkison and Heather Yip overcame a 1-4 start to win 10-6. In the #1 boys singles match, RC's Judd Jadol broke open his tight match midway through for a 10-5 victory.

River City didn't let up as the afternoon wore on, even with the overall match already decided. In the days two boys doubles contests, Cheng Saetern and Aseng Saechao pounded their opponents 10-1 at #1 while Shawn Prasad and Sou H. Saetern cruised to a 10-3 win at #2. Vu Tran and Koy Saetern won easily 10-0 in the #2 girls doubles match and Shannon Rivers and Kyle Fisher rebounded from a sluggish start to close out their opponents 10-8 in mixed doubles.

The Raiders will travel to Vanden tomorrow to take on a Vikings team that is currently in second place, just one match behind RC. Next Tuesday, RC will be on the road again, this time in Dixon to face the Rams. River City is now 14-1 overall in 2004.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. STATES: When did Texas join the Union?
2. HIGHER ED: Where is Tulane University located?
3. U.S. GOVERNMENT: Who was the first U.S. House Speaker, chosen in 1789?
4. PHILOSOPHY: Who was the founder of the Greek school of thought whose followers were called the Cynics?
5. HISTORY: Who won the duel that killed Alexander Hamilton?
6. MATH: What is the value in Arabic numbers of the Roman numerals DC?
7. MUSIC: What is meant by the musical direction "giocoso"?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Nepal's northern border lies on what nation?
9. MOVIES: How many Oscars did the movie "Titanic" receive?
10. HUMAN BODY: LDL is a type of what?

Answers

1. 1845
2. New Orleans
3. Frederick Muhlenberg
4. Diogenes
5. Aaron Burr
6. 600
7. Merry
8. China
9. 11
10. Cholesterol

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Sports Quiz by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2002 that the San Francisco Giants reached the World Series?
2. The DiMaggio brothers (Dom, Joe, Vince) combined for 4,853 hits during their careers. What brother trio topped them?
3. Name the current NFL quarterback who was the only player to have 2,000 yards in total offense three years in a row at the University of Delaware?
4. When was the last time before the 2003-04 NBA season that the Utah Jazz played a season opener without John Stockton and Karl Malone in the starting lineup?
5. Name the only two NHL teams to have played in two Stanley Cups each and won them both.
6. This year, Gail Devers became the only American to win what two events at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships?
7. Whom did boxer Sugar Ray Leonard fight in his Madison Square Garden debut?

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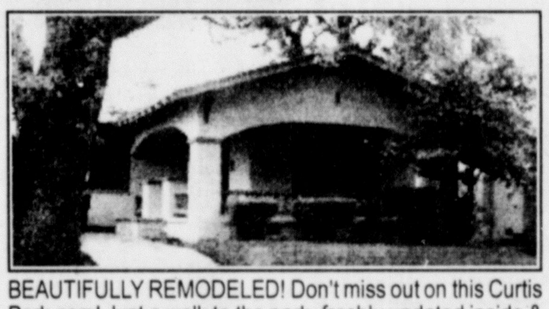
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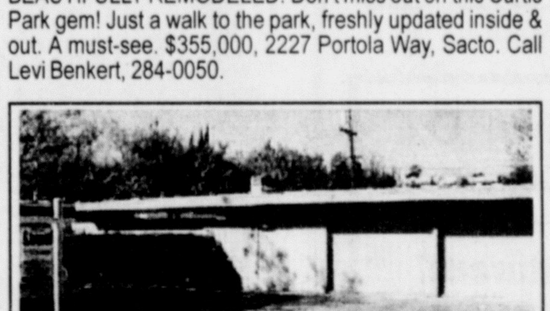
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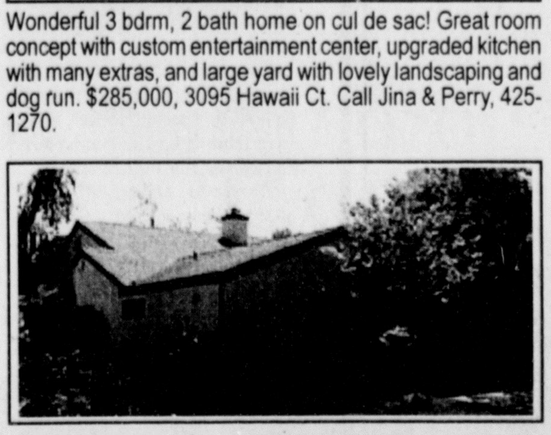
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 3 2004
File No. 2004-123

The following person is doing business as Vintage Creations, 610 Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Victoria Martucci and Mark Milton, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on '98. Previous fictitious business name number 98-760.

/s/Victoria Martucci
/s/Mark Milton

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 3, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number 2003-1104

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Metro Towing, located at 17415 Co Rd 86A, Esparto CA 95627.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 1/14/04.

Dwight Meddock and Inakay Meddock, 16608 Co. Rd. 98B, Woodland CA 95695

This business was conducted by an Individual.
/s/Inakay Meddock
March 23, 2004

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 19, 2004
File No. 2004-289

The following person is doing business as Construction Related Services, 35919 Delta Breeze Ct., Clarksburg, CA 95612-0599:

Michael D. Shipley, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-1-99. Previous fictitious business name number: Sacramento County.

/s/Michael D. Shipley

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 19
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 23, 2004
File No. 04-304

The following person is doing business as Dodds Custom Plumbing, 2620 Garden Hwy, Sacramento CA 95833:

Rick Dodd, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/1/04.

/s/Rick Dodd

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 23, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 2, 2004
File No. 2004-233

The following person is doing business as Street Lethal Customz, 437 Truckee Pl., Woodland CA 95695:

Vernon Thomas Poe Jr., same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/23/03/2/04.

/s/Vernon Thomas Poe Jr.

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 2, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 23, 2004
File No. 2004-298

The following person is doing business as D&K Enterprise, 16608 Co. Rd. 98B, Woodland CA 95695:

Inakay Meddock, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/23/04.

/s/Inakay Meddock

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 23, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Stephen F. Zimmerman
CASE NUMBER PB04-052

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, Steven F. Zimmerman.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Martin V. Zimmerman in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Martin V. Zimmerman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 4, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 11 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Roger M. Miller, 048338
6355 Riverside Blvd., Suite F
Sacramento CA 95831
(916) 424-8506

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NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to John N. Locke, with legal owner, Patrick Bohner, and described as a 1967 Paramount, Decal Number LAW9518, Serial Numbers S22424XX/22424XXU, Label/Insignia Numbers A153652/153652 and stored on property within the Casa Mobile Park, at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as 2 Casa Mobile Circle, within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Casa Mobile Park at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as 2 Casa Mobile Circle, within the park), on May 6, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale under authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210. Don Mickel, Auctioneer, Bond Number SUR 292693, (Telephone (916) 204-7989) will be conducting this sale.

Unless a written waiver is received from management/plaintiff, the mobilehome and contents must be removed from the present location within 10 days.

DATED: March 23, 2004
/s/R. JACK FROST
Attorney at Law
1507 21st Street, Suite 302
Sacramento CA 95814
(916) 443-9000

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AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DENNIS J. FREEMAN
CASE NUMBER PB04-65

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dennis J. Freeman:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jean M. Crew in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jean M. Crew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/W. Daniel McCord (SBN: 176436)
3620 American River Drive, Ste 110
Sacramento CA 95864
916-488-9788

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AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRMGARD SOPHIE SCHROPP
CASE NUMBER PB04-42

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRMGARD SOPHIE SCHROPP aka IRMGARD S. SCHROPP:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MANFRED W. SCHROPP in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MANFRED W. SCHROPP be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/JOHN W. WELCH
Adams, Edwards & Welch
25 North School Street
Lodi CA 95240-2112
Telephone: (209) 333-1414

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue , West Sacramento, California until **2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, May 21, 2004** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud per the Blind Bid process outlined below for the:

Summer Field and Linden Park Improvements Project—Public Bathrooms

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work will consist of the construction of new park facilities, the modification of existing park facilities, and all related components necessary to complete the work as specified in the Contract plans titled, " **Summer Field and Linden Park Improvements Project—Public Bathrooms**", and these Specifications. In addition, the work includes the replacement of any facilities removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within two hundred forty (240) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $40.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $50.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Project specifications may be purchased separate from the plans for a cost of $20.00 over the counter or $25.00 by mail.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "B" General** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder for the BASE BID or combination of BASE BID and Add Alternates selected at the sole discretion of the City, whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **April 19, 1775,** 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington to find 77 armed Minutemen on the Massachusetts town's common green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired, and the American Revolution had begun.

• On **April 21, 1838,** John Muir, a dedicated advocate for the protection of American wild lands, is born in Dunbar, Scotland. Muir's conservationist ideas in books and influential magazine articles have become an accepted part of mainstream American thought.

• On **April 23, 1867,** William Lincoln of Providence, R.I., patents the Zoetrope. The machine showed animated pictures by mounting a strip of drawings in a moving wheel.

• On **April 22, 1915,** German forces shock Allied soldiers along the Western front by firing more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions at Ypres, Belgium. It was the first major gas attack by the Germans, and it devastated the Allied line.

• On **April 24, 1936,** a group of firemen responding to an alarm in Camden, N.J., is televised. It was the first time an unplanned event was broadcast on television, anticipating the development of live TV news coverage.

• On **April 25, 1990,** saxophone player and influential jazz musician Dexter Gordon dies. He played a jazz musician in the critically acclaimed 1986 film "Round Midnight."

• On **April 20, 1999,** two teenage gunmen kill 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

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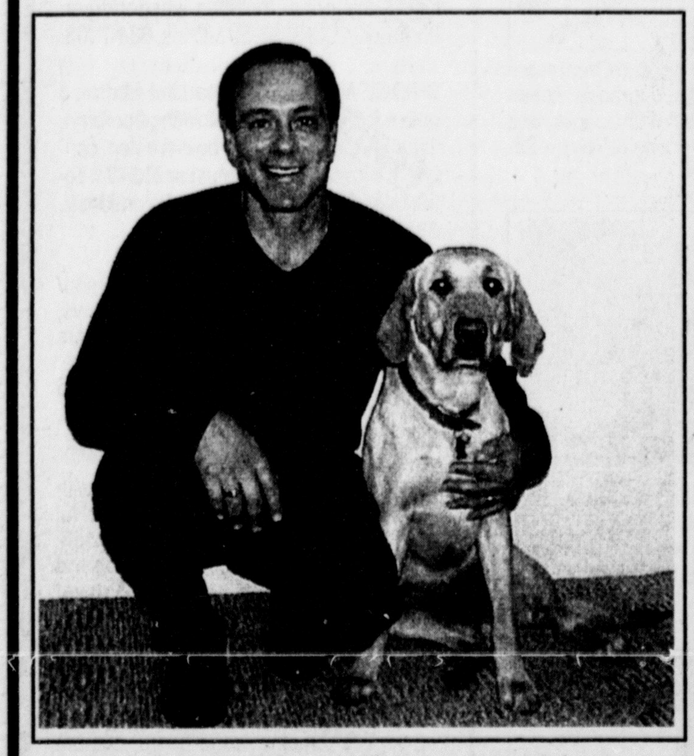

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Police log

April 9, 5:03 a.m.
An officer saw a vehicle matching the description of a vehicle involved in an auto burglary in which a car stereo was taken. The 20-year old man driving it was stopped, and found to be in possession of a car stereo that was identified positively by the victim of the burglary. The Sacramento man was arrested.

April 9, 5:30 a.m.
On Spruce Way, a burglar entered a residence and was confronted by a homeowner. The burglar then fled to the garage, which he had to exit using force. The suspect was believed to be a juvenile.

April 9, 1 p.m.
A 26-year old woman was in a dispute with another person, and took papers that didn't belong to her and started to flee in a car. She then attempted to run down the victim with her car in the parking lot of the victim's business. A CHP unit detained the driver nearby and she was arrested.

April 9, 3:15 p.m.
A 76-year old Jefferson Boulevard man was among approximately nine "johns" arrested in a police "sting" operation targeting customers of prostitutes in the West Capitol Avenue area.

April 9, 5 p.m.
A 1998 GMC pickup truck was reported stolen from Alder Way.

April 9, 10 p.m.
Officers responded to Dubrose regarding a possible overdose. The call turned out to be unfounded, but while officers were there, they discovered a device made with black powder and gasoline with a fuse. The juvenile who constructed it was arrested, and the device was removed and destroyed by a bomb technician officer.

April 10, 8 a.m.
Someone broke a car window and stole items from the car parked at a Halyard Drive motel.

April 10, 10:52 a.m.
Police received a report that someone broke into a parked tractor/trailer on Jefferson Blvd., and stole items from inside. They later learned that a nearby bar had been burglarized, with six bottles of whiskey missing – but the bar owner did not want to file a report.

April 10, 2:02 p.m.
Officers responded to a West Sacramento business, where a man had been contacted during the past three days for increasingly violent behavior. Believing he was a danger to himself and others, police took the man to a Woodland hospital on a mental health hold.

April 10, 3:15 p.m.
A 51-year old transient man was contacted at RiverWalk Park and judged too intoxicated to care for himself. He was arrested, as were several other people contacted by police in the park area and near 3rd and D streets.

April 11, 5:20 a.m.
Someone set fire to a stack of rubbish placed against the exterior of a James St. home. No one was seen.

April 11, 8:18 a.m.
On Lighthouse Drive, an officer and fire personnel responded to the report of an elderly female who was unresponsive. The woman appeared to have died of natural causes, and the coroner's office took over the case.

April 11, 1:35 p.m.
An 18-year old Evergreen Circle man bit a live-in girlfriend during an argument, injuring her back, and picked up the four-months pregnant woman and squeezed her abdomen. She was taken to the hospital for observation and the man was arrested. Police said it appeared the man was deliberately trying to squeeze her uturus.

April 11, 3:45 p.m.
In a Shore Street business parking lot, a car was reported burglarized.

April 11, 4 p.m.
A vehicle ran off the road at the 2200 block of West Capitol Avenue, striking a pole and striking several cars. The driver ran away but was located in a nearby restaurant and arrested.

April 11, 4 p.m.
An officer stopped a car near Michigan and Jefferson for a vehicle code violation. The 39-year old male driver was in possession of a double-edged bayonet with a seven inch blade. The car was towed and the man was arrested.

April 11, 4:48 p.m.
A woman on West Capitol Ave. attempted suicide by taking pills. She was hospitalized.

April 11, 10:46 p.m.
A 20-year old West Capitol woman stabbed her boyfriend in the buttock. She was jailed.

April 12, 1:30 a.m.
A woman was seen using a coat hanger to break into a car on Harbor Blvd. After she got inside the car, she was detained by police. The vehicle owner, who was in jail, was contacted and said he had not given her possession to enter the car or take it. The woman was booked.

April 12, 1:30 a.m.
A Madrone Ave. resident reported that someone tried to enter a home through a rear, sliding glass window. When the resident responded to the noise, the suspect fled.

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News-Ledger Editorial

Big (really big) box retail

The controversy over a proposed WalMmart "superstore" in West Sacramento has apparently fizzled. Last month, an ordinance designed to protect the union employees at true supermarkets from grocery competition at a non-union WalMart store died at the city council level.

Other communities, though, continue to fight the national discount chain's superstores, which offer both discount groceries and discount hard goods.

Lodi is one community fighting over this, with a ballot measure coming up that tries to cap the square footage of local retail establishments at 100,000 square feet.

The trouble is, there's often a loophole in these prohibitions– a major retailer trying to get around this kind of restriction can even build their over-size store with a wall down the middle and sell groceries on one half and "durable goods" on the other. Or they can (and do) wage their own political campaign to reverse unfavorable zoning. So even when you have prohibited huge retail establishments, you may not have really prohibited them.

The issue of Walmart-style competition is a complex one, with plenty of grist for the argument mill all the way around:

Such super-retailers use their buying power to offer consumers lower prices than consumers otherwise might get. This is (at least at first) good for consumers.

In a free economy, Americans often support the right to compete – even by market behemoths. This right extends all the way up to the point where a big business flexes its muscle unfairly, triggering anti-trust concerns. So some may argue that it's completely American to let WalMart do battle with the rest of the market, even if it doesn't always seem like a fair fight.

On the other hand, such big retailers often draw business away from smaller, Main Street-style retailers, often pressuring them to change or go out of business. So existing local businesses can get hurt when a WalMart goes in, and downtown vacancies can go up.

If local retailers are forced out of certain markets by a super-retailer, consumer choice can eventually decrease – WalMart ends up choosing which (typically mid-quality) merchandise to offer the public, and that ends up being about all you have to choose from.

WalMart also pays its employees less than supermarkets many small retailers do. Substituting WalMart jobs for Raley's or Safeway jobs is bad news for workers.

For better or for worse, though, these super-retailers seem to be coming and staying. Trying to prevent that often seems like trying to regulate the money out of politics – an often-futile exercise.

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The Albuquerque Tribune reports on a Yale professor and her book, "A Field Guide to Sprawl," which includes an explanation of new slang born from America's suburban sprawl culture.

Among the slang terms defined by Professor Dolores Hayden:

A "boomburb" is a fast-growing suburb. A "zoomburb" is growing even faster.

"Snout houses" are those with a garage bluntly jutting at the street. A subdivision of "snout homes" is a "snoutscape."

When you use public money to build a private sports stadium, you've created a "ball pork."

A billboard? "Litter on a stick."

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Letters to the Editor

Take a break from TV

April 19-25 is the 10th Annual TV Turnoff Week. Would you like to add nine years to your life? Do you want more time to spend with your family? How about improving your child's success in school? You can accomplish all of this and more by reducing your family's television viewing.

Consider the following: The average American will devote nine years of his/her life to watching television; the average American child (age 2-11) spends more than four hours a day in front of a television, but only six minutes a day in meaningful conversation with a parent; and altogether, kids average 900 hours a year in school and 1500 in front of a TV.

While I do not advocate the permanent elimination of TV for every family (I do have a television set in my home), youngsters in non-TV homes tend to be involved in a wide range of activities. 80% percent are involved in sport and 70% study music. From my own observations as a camp counselor, manager of Fairytale Town, librarian, and parent, it is overwhelmingly clear that the most memorable experiences of childhood are spent while engaged with friends and family, and not in front of the TV or computer screen.

Please join us in the weeklong endeavor. Any temporary break from television that might get children and families walking, talking, baking cookies, interacting, playing games: how bad can that be? Find out who in your family has the hardest time going without TV. (Hint: It's NBA playoff time)

You may determine that less TV will be a permanent change in your household. I have known several families who made the switch to TV-freedom a permanent choice and none have expressed regret over it. If you are not ready for a permanent "turnoff", however, consider the ongoing practice of continuing to do without the television during dinner and making the 30 minutes before bedtime free from both TV commercials and violent television images for your youngsters. Keep the television in a closet, behind cabinet doors. or in a remote part of the residence when not in use.

Good luck and have fun!

ALAN CANDEE
West Sacramento

A light signal is needed

Today I met Mr. Daryl N. Patterson, City of West Sacramento Engineering Assistant II, and a gentleman from Caltrans at the end of Soule Street and 15th Street where it is now blocked off so traffic can not exit Soule Street to get to the traffic signal at 15th Street and Jefferson Boulevard. They have no plans at this time to put a signal at Jefferson and Jackson.

With the widening of Jefferson to accommodate the already high volume of traffic (not to mention the other new homes, new high school, etc.), it will be impossible to exit Jackson to go south bound on Jefferson. There are many businesses on both sides of Jackson and also Soule. There is a church, doctors, dentists, an insurance company, eye doctor, funeral home, VFW, investment company, pizza parlors, gift shops, beauty parlors, etc. Easy to get into but difficult to get out of, even with the suicide lane in the center.

When Caltrans is finished with Jefferson (no signal at Jackson and Jefferson) it will turn the responsibility and maintenance over to the City. The businesses may wish to make a request and petition of their customers and clients and submit it to both Caltrans and the City before the west side of Jefferson is paved. Right now they can put in the signal much easier than if they wait.

I made both the Caltrans engineer and Mr. Patterson aware of the problem today when I spoke to both of them on site.

Call the City of West Sacramento Engineering Division at 617-4645 or send requests to 110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

M. JACOBS
West Sacramento

Conservatives: our side is right

My, my. Touch a nerve did I? If there's one thing I've learned from over twenty years as a professional musician in L.A. and San Francisco it's this: Liberals have compassion and

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 29, 2004
File No. 2004-322

The following person is doing business as Yolo County Visitors Bureau, 105 E St., Suite 300, Davis CA 95616:

Davis Conference & Visitors Bureau, 105 E St., Suite 300, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation; 501 (C) 6 organization.

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/s/Reed Youmans, President of the Board of Directors
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Filed Apr 9, 2004
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The following person is doing business as Sotirios Food Products, 800 Reuter Dr., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Sotiris Christou, same address.

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/s/Sotiris Christou

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(NAPS)—Kids and their parents are invited to send in their favorite pancake recipes and share what makes their household breakfast traditions so special in the second-annual "Aunt Jemima Cooking with Your Kids Contest." The winning recipe and essay receives a $5,000 cash award.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 26, 2004
File No. 2004-319

The following person is doing business as Scripts Reporting Services, 3583 Mandura Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Elaina Bulda-Jones and James V. Beasley, same address as above.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Associaton other than a Partnership.

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/s/Elaina Bulda-Jones
/s/James V. Beasley

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number 2002-482

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Philip Fong and Eleanor Fong, Arthur Dare and Susan W. Dare, John Ichiuji, located at 3724 Pinot Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566-7247.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on ..

Dwight Meddock and Inakay Meddock, 16608 Co. Rd. 98B, Woodland CA 95695.

This business was conducted by ..

/s/Inakay Meddock
March 23, 2004
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number 2002-105

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Metro Steel Recycling at 19389 Co. Rd. 102, Woodland CA 95776.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 4-15-02.

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/s/Inakay Meddock
March 23, 2004
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number 2003-793

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Metro Towing, located at Madison, CA.

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Philip Fong and Eleanor Fong, 3724 Pinot Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566-7247; 2. Arthur Dare and Susan W. Dare, 1115 Blythe St., Foster City, CA 94404; 3. John Ichiuji, 9260 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

/s/Philip Fong
March 5, 2004
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number 93-189

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Metro Auto Dismantling, located at 19389.

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/s/Dwight Meddock
March 23, 2004
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I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.
—Ogden Nash

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There comes a time in each life like a point of fulcrum. At that time you must accept yourself. It is not any more what you will become. It is what you are and always will be.
—John Fowles

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We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features, and any meanness or sensuality to imbrute them.
—Henry David Thoreau

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The greatest asset of any nation is the spirit of its people, and the greatest danger that can menace any nation is the breakdown of that spirit—the will to win and the courage to work.
—George B. Cortelyou

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 21, 2004
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The following person is doing business as Rainbow Building Service, 1045 Carrie St., West Sacramento CA 95605:

JoAnn C. Rasmussen and Glenn E. Rasmussen, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/21/03.

/s/JoAnn C. Rasmussen
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The following person is doing business as S&S Packaging Solutions, 1099 Powers Cir., Woodland CA 95776:

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/s/Stephanie Stevens

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The following person is doing business as Hallmark Properties, 110 F St., Davis CA 95616:

Julian R. Youmans, 44124 Greenview Drive, El Macero, CA 95618; Reed Youmans, 44735 S El Macero Dr., El Macero CA 95618; John Youmans, 1209 Fordham Dr., Davis CA 95616; Julian M. Youmans, 2334 Benton Pl., Davis CA 95616.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Agraria Consulting, 1230 Elk Place, Davis CA 95616:

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/s/Michele Barefoot

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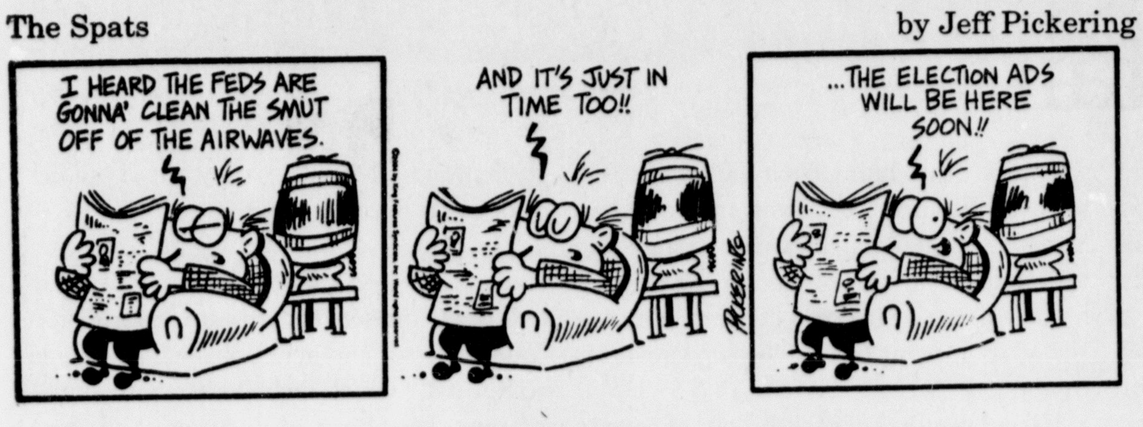
The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.
—James Taylor

PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering


I HEARD THE FEDS ARE GONNA' CLEAN THE SMUT OFF OF THE AIRWAVES.
AND IT'S JUST IN TIME TOO!!
...THE ELECTION ADS WILL BE HERE SOON!!
REEVES

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

AAAAH! THE SIGNS OF SPRING!!
YUP! THE DAYS ARE A LITTLE LONGER...
THE BREEZES ARE A LITTLE WARMER...
JUNE'S A LITTLE MUDDIER...
SLOOSH! SLOOSH!
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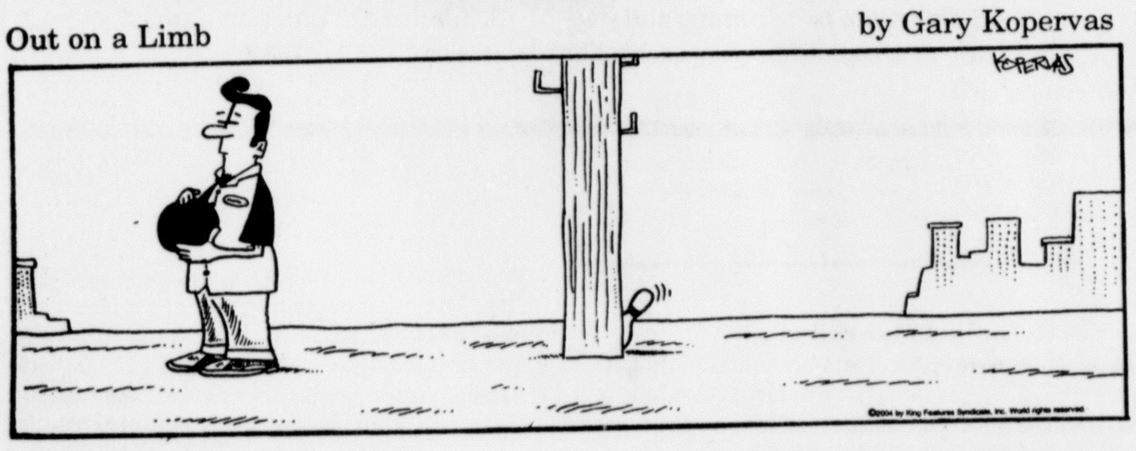
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

GERALD!
GERALD!
CAN YOU HELP ME CARRY IN THE GROCERIES?
I CAN'T, I'M "PLAYING DEAD."
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO EAT ALL THIS ICE CREAM BY MYSELF.
I'VE FOUND A WILL TO LIVE.

MY RESUME SECURED ME A POSITION IN TOP MANAGEMENT...
...I IMMEDIATELY CREATED A SPREADSHEET
I AUDITED ALL ACCOUNTS...
...I REVAMPED ALL DISBURSEMENTS...
...RECALCULATED NEGATIVE CASH FLOW...
...RENOVATED THE ROLLING BUDGET...
REVISED THE POSITIVE CASH FLOW...
...AND ALTERED THE FORMULA FOR SYSTEMS PROCEDURES!
AFTER A MONTH THE RESULTS WERE IN...
...AND I WAS OUT.'
HE FIRED YA?!
HE DIDN'T JUST FIRE ME...
...HE OFFERED ME A BONUS IF I WENT TO WORK FOR HIS COMPETITOR!
HEY OLIVE OYL

FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
STRANDED ON A HOSTILE, ALIEN PLANET.
EVERY DAY A STRUGGLE JUST TO SURVIVE.
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FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
Return to Syk
HOW'S OUR FUEL RESERVE, DOC?
KOFF! SHOULD HOLD US FOR ANOTHER...
KOFF! KOFF!
...FEW DAYS.
HANS!
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SECURE HIM DOWN.
I'LL GET US BACK TO ARBORIA AS FAST AS I CAN!
NO! YOU CAN'T TIE ME DOWN LIKE SOME ANIMAL...
...I WON'T LET YOU!
ZARKOV...
NO!
NEXT: DESCENT
KRASH!

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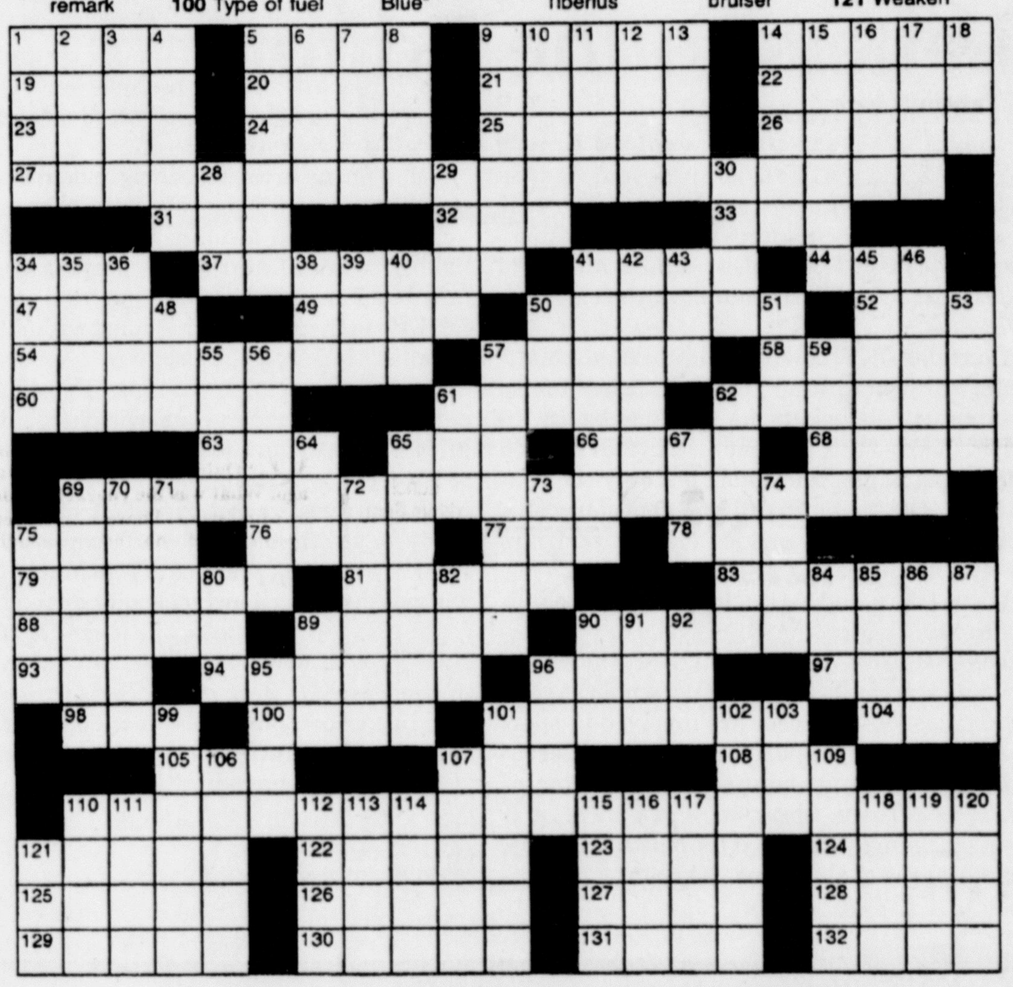
ACROSS
1 Lump
5 Showed sorrow
9 Anthony of "Boston Public"
14 Jambalaya ingredient
19 Hammett hound
20 Where to find an onager
21 Songwriter Greenwich
22 Spine-tingling
23 Fertile soil
24 Tumble
25 Java joints
26 — -garde
27 Start of a remark
31 Herriot title start
32 Vigoda or Saperstein
33 Slippery character?
34 Brit. fliers
37 Singer Manchester
41 Celt
44 Faucet
47 94 Across highlight
49 Pants part
50 "The Jungle Book" boy
52 Cask
54 Part 2 of remark
57 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)
58 Neon —
60 Cap or dolman
61 Bookstore section
62 Bog
63 Precambrian —
65 In honor of
66 Snick and —
68 — above (somewhat superior)
69 Part 3 of remark
75 Baseball family name
76 Antitoxins
77 Mouth piece?
78 Long or Peeples
79 Solidarity leader
81 Forger's need
83 Cultural
88 Wear away
89 Carthaginian
90 Part 4 of remark
93 Comic Rickles
94 Bizet opera
96 Nasty
97 "How sweet —!"
98 Cpl.'s superior
100 Type of fuel
101 Porgy and bass
104 Fast flier
105 He gives a hoot
107 Cooke or Donaldson
108 Male swan
110 End of remark
121 Biblical city
122 "That's —" ('54 tune)
123 Actress Thompson
124 Gymnast Korbut
125 "West Side Story" role
126 Porsche propeller
127 Tel —
128 Crucifix
129 Texas' state tree
130 Marvell marvels
131 Coty or Clair
132 Dweeb

DOWN
1 French Sudan, today
2 From
3 Command to Fido
4 Mead's milieu
5 Breakfast treat
6 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
7 Disagreeable sort
8 Hard to believe
9 Priam's wife
10 Cheer
11 — Romeo
12 Mortgage, for one
13 Actor Arnaz
14 Serenity
15 Disgust
16 Composer Khachaturian
17 Deep red
18 Volleyball divider
28 City on the Danube
29 Kind of kiln
30 Fenwick or Carter
34 Snitches
35 Inland sea
36 Prix —
38 Baton Rouge coll.
39 Cloth finish
40 — Mateo, CA
41 Errs
42 It darkens your doorway
43 Bird-to-be
45 Join
46 Follow
48 "— you for real?"
50 2001, to Tiberius
51 Skater Midori
53 Publisher Conde
55 At any time
56 Brewer or Wright
57 Orion, for instance
59 Part of Q.E.D.
61 Tofu base
62 Occupation
64 Sail through
65 Cozy cloth
67 Tons of time
69 Mild cigars
70 Fermented tea
71 Deplored
72 Shock
73 Word with baby or snake
74 Inauguration Day event
75 Filled with wonder
80 Instant, for short
82 Coq au —
84 — polloi
85 '87 Streisand film
86 Egyptian deity
87 "— la vie"
89 Supportive of
90 Princess bruiser
91 Klutz
92 Plastic — Band
95 Bill of Rights grp.
96 Interoffice communique
99 Honda competitor
101 Wimsey's creator
102 From C to shining C?
103 TV's "Scooby- —"
106 '81 John Lennon hit
107 Senator Thurmond
109 Borg of tennis
110 Actress Skye
111 Bank's backup org.
112 Clammy
113 "Typee" sequel
114 A bit of Beethoven
115 Weekend warriors: abbr.
116 Donated
117 Frigga's fellow
118 South African plant
119 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
120 Diane of "Chinatown"
121 Weaken



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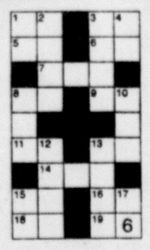
Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. One-sixth of 5-Across
3. Six less than 5-Across
5. Consecutive digits in ascending order
6. Two less than 18-Across
7. 15-Across times 15-Down
8. Consecutive digits in ascending order
9. Thirty less than 3-Across
11. The first digit is four times the last digit
13. 18-Across minus 15-Across
14. 8-Across times 4-Down
15. The last digit is four times the first digit
16. Forty more than 11-Across
18. The last digit is three times the first digit
19. Four more than 9-Across

DOWN
1. One-half of 8-Across
2. Six times 7-Across
3. Eight times 14-Across
4. 13-Across plus 17-Down
8. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
10. 1-Across times 1-Down
12. Nine times 10-Down
13. Six times 8-Down
15. One-half of 19-Across
17. Three more than 1-Across

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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T	Y	R	R	J	C	H	E	E	I	E	U	C
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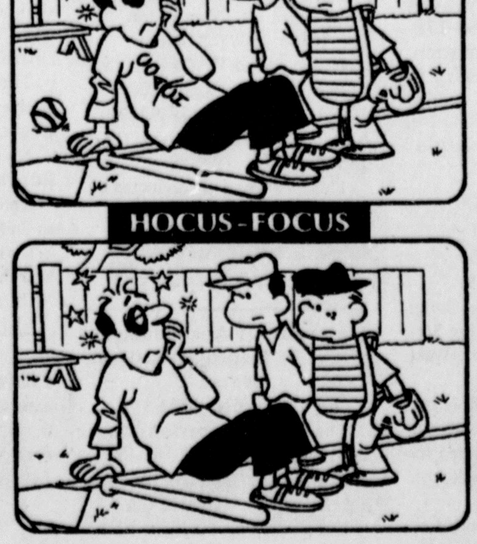

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

'The Ladykillers'

Running time: 105 minutes
MPAA rating: R

"The Ladykillers" is the latest quirkyfest from the Brothers Coen, the duo who gave us some of the funniest movies of the past 20 years: "Fargo," "Raising Arizona," "The Big Lebowski" and "O Brother Where Art Thou?"

Sadly, "The Ladykillers" doesn't belong in the same tier as those films. It is a second-string offering from the guys along of lines of "The Hudsucker Proxy." It's a pretty uneven, mostly unfunny comedy, but still possesses a peculiar charm.

The film stars Tom Hanks as G.H. Dorr, an alleged criminal mastermind who dresses like Colonel Sanders and spouts Poe. Hanks' character is such a freakish anachronism that you can't not look at him, but at the same time you never really accept the character as real. You just see Tom Hanks playing a weird character (and having a lot of fun with the process).

Dorr assembles a motley crew to tunnel from the basement of an old lady's house to a gambling steamship called the Bandit Queen. His crew consists of an ex-Viet Cong tunnel expert, a chain-smoking demolitions man suffering from irritable bowel syndrome, a burly ex-college football player and one of the casino's janitors.

They are the clichéd Gang Who Couldn't Shoot Straight. Nothing seems to go right for these guys, and they constantly run afoul of Mrs. Munson (Irma P. Hall), the woman who owns the house. Hall's performance is a joy to watch — especially when she's slapping Marlon Wayans, which is often and something many of us who saw "Scary Movie 2" would like to do in real life.

Tom Hanks

"The Ladykillers" isn't a horrible movie. It has its moments of hilarity and charm, but not enough of them to pay full price to see it at the theater. If you're a Coen brothers' fan, then see a matinee; otherwise this movie has "rental" written all over it.

GRADE: C

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Chicken-Spinach Salad with Warm Mushroom & Onion Vinaigrette

PREP: 10 minutes
COOK: about 15 minutes
MAKES: 4 main-dish servings

- *3 tablespoons olive oil*
- *1 large red onion, cut in half and thinly sliced*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper*
- *2 packages (4 ounces each) assorted sliced wild mushrooms (gourmet blend)*
- *1/3 cup cider vinegar*
- *1 tablespoon sugar*
- *2 bags (5 to 6 ounces each) baby spinach*
- *2 cups (1/2-inch pieces) rotisserie chicken meat (about 10 ounces)*

1. In nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion, salt and pepper, and cook 10 minutes or until onion is tender and golden, stirring occasionally. Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes or until mushrooms are browned and liquid evaporates.

2. Stir vinegar, sugar and remaining 2 tablespoons oil into mushroom mixture. Heat to boiling; boil 30 seconds, stirring.

3. In large serving bowl, toss spinach and chicken with warm dressing until salad is evenly coated. Serve immediately.

• Each serving: About 280 calories, 25 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 16 g total fat (3 g saturated), 8 g fiber, 62 mg cholesterol, 455 mg sodium.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

SPOON BREAD IS A SOUTHERN STAPLE

Ask anyone born and raised in the U.S. South for a spoon bread recipe and you're apt to get a variety of responses. But one thing is constant: It's almost a must to accompany a roast or fried chicken.

Holly Garrison, in her 1988 "Comfort Food," writes that her Granny always said it should be slattered with butter or gravy or both, and eaten with a fork. But then Holly qualifies that with a modern, more sensible, healthier tip (thank goodness) ... just a smidgen of gravy or melted butter.

Some spoon breads are simple, straightforward mixtures of cornmeal, milk, butter and eggs. Others are more complex with additional ingredients, such as the first recipe featured here, Oniony Corn Spoon Bread. It takes in canned cream-style corn, Mexican-style corn and corn muffin mix, plus cheese and store-bought french fried onions. That's followed by a more traditional version taken from the 1984 revision of the "Fannie Farmer Cookbook," an earlier one being one of my mother's cookery bibles.

ONIONY CORN SPOON BREAD

- *1 (14 3/4-oz.) can cream-style corn*
- *1 (11-oz.) can Mexican-style corn*
- *1 (6 1/2 to 8 1/2-oz.) package corn muffin mix*
- *1 cup sour cream*
- *2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted*
- *1 large egg*
- *1 1/3 cups French's french fried onions, divided*
- *1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese*
- *Diced red bell pepper and minced parsley (optional)*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine canned corn, corn muffin mix, sour cream, butter, egg and 2/3 cup french fried onions. Pour mixture into greased shallow 2-quart baking dish.

Bake 40 minutes until mixture is set. Top with cheese and remaining french fried onions and bake 5 minutes until onions are golden. Garnish with red pepper and parsley, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

SPOON BREAD
(Fannie Farmer's)

- *2 cups water*
- *1 cup yellow cornmeal*
- *1 teaspoon salt*
- *2 tablespoons butter*
- *4 eggs, well beaten*
- *1 cup milk or buttermilk*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Butter a 1 1/2-quart casserole. Bring water to a boil. Add cornmeal and salt slowly in a steady stream and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Beat in butter, eggs and milk, beating until smooth. Pour into buttered casserole and bake about 40 minutes or until a straw inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 6 servings.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. Is Esai Morales, my favorite actor on "NYPD Blue," really gone from the series? And will the show come back next year? — *B.R.*

Q. I see where Esai Morales really did leave "NYPD Blue," although I kept reading denials about (his departure) for weeks. Where will he be going now? — *Mariah K.*

A. To B.R.: Esai Morales really is off the show. He indicated to me at one time that although he loved the character of the New York City police department lieutenant, which he called a breakthrough in casting for Hispanic actors, he felt he needed more time for other projects and planned to leave when he felt "the moment is right to move on." And, yes, the show will be back next season.

A. To Mariah K: Esai Morales will continue with his recurring role on the PBS series "American Family." He will also be doing another feature film and, perhaps, a TV film.

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Q. There was a show called "Quincy" on television years ago. What was the character Quincy's first name. I have asked several people, and no one, including myself, remembers ever hearing another name besides Quincy. Please help, if you can. — *Mary*

A. Producers of "Quincy" (originally, "Quincy, M.E.") never revealed the character's first name. However, in one episode, we briefly saw his business card with the initial R. before the name Quincy. So, was it Robert, Richard, Raul or what?

In any event, Jack Klugman, who starred as Quincy, the Los Angeles pathologist who solved murder cases even when no one else believed a murder had been committed, is said to have influenced the show's groundbreaking focus on a number of issues, including the need to provide orphan drugs (medications that are not produced in quantity because of low demand) for people whose lives depend on them, along with mental problems and problems with HMOs.

Diana Scarwid

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Q. On the series "Wonderfalls," is Diana Scarwid, who plays Karen, the mother, the same person who played Joan Crawford's daughter in "Mommie Dearest"? I was told she was, but I'm not sure. — *L.J.*

A. Diana Scarwid did indeed play Crawford's daughter, Christina, as an adult in the 1981 film based on Christina Crawford's book.

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NOTE: In behalf of one of my readers, Eileen N., I'd like to thank another reader, Nanci, who sent the following information in response to Eileen's request on how to find a movie (or movies) in which the late Louis Prima appeared with his band. Nanci writes that her daughter went online at amazon.com, typed in the name Louis Prima and came up with "Louis Prima: The Wildest" on DVD. There may be other selections available. Check it out.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices. God gives us the capacity for choice. We can choose to alleviate suffering. We can choose to work together for peace. We can make these changes—and we must.
—Jimmy Carter

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If we are to achieve a richer culture, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place.
—Margaret Mead

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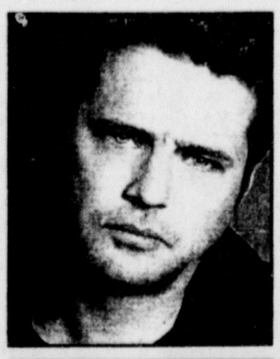
TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Jason Priestley

"Tru Calling" focuses on a young medical student, Tru Davis, played by Eliza Dushku ("Angel"), who loses her scholarship grant and takes a job at the local morgue. She discovers that some of the dead people who come into the facility can contact her and that she can go back 24 hours in time, where she may able to change events so that their deaths will not have occurred. Last month, actor/director/producer Jason Priestley ("Beverly Hills, 90210" and "Die Mommie, Die") joined "Tru Calling" in the role of Jack Harper, a former emergency medical technician who is assigned to work with Tru as a forensic attendant.



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Jason Priestley describes his "Tru Calling" character, Jack Harper, as, "apparently, a nice guy. Someone you might enjoying spending time with talking about sports or cars or whatever. Not very different from any other typically nice guy you might know. Nothing about him you'd consider strange or extraordinary. But," Priestley says, "you could be wrong about who you think Jack is, and what you think you know about him. But then again," he adds, "maybe not.

"That's one reason why when they asked me to play Jack, I said yes," Priestley says. "I liked the fact that he may or may not fit your assumptions."

And the other reason?

"They do the show in Vancouver (British Columbia), which is my hometown, and I had a chance to see some family and friends, and that's always nice."

Priestley says the setting for the morgue in which much of the production is centered is accurate not only physically, but also in the effect it has on the senses.

"Most places that we find ourselves in are filled with sounds: voices, music, papers rustling, traffic noises. ... But once you enter a morgue, all that stays outside. And that's pretty much how it feels when we do our scenes," he says, noting that "even though the cameras are all around us," the actors are able to experience a sense of reverence for the dead that takes over, leaving the sounds of life hushed.

Over the course of the several weeks since Jack Harper made his first appearance in that morgue, we started seeing some strange, even unsettling glimpses into what might be the real reason for Jack's arrival.

Priestley agrees, and adds, "But what you've seen so far is nothing to what you'll see on the season finale (April 29), when Jack's true agenda starts to come through, and how a lot of people, including Tru, are going to be affected by it."

(NOTE: Jason Priestley has wrapped two new feature films, "Chicks with Sticks" and "Going the Distance," for release later this year, as well as a teleflick for airing this fall.)

In Focus

Diane Neal, who recently joined the cast of NBC's "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" as Assistant District Attorney Casey Novak, says playing the character has given her an interesting insight into what happens behind the headlines when the police catch a criminal suspect, and the District Attorney's office has to prepare the case against him or her. "The show is written with great care and attention to detail," says Neal, who is herself the daughter of a federal attorney. She notes that while the show is an entertainment medium, "When you see the (dramatized) process — the investigations, the questioning, the law citations — all of that is by the book."

Neal's character joined the SVU team after the previous A.D.A., Alexandra Cabot (**Stephanie March**), left, and as the new gal on the block she faced some resistance from the other members of the team, especially Detectives Stabler and Benson (**Chris Meloni** and **Mariska Hargitay**). "Stacey has her own ideas about how things should be done, and the others — especially Stabler and Benson — don't always agree. But the relationships evolve and a new respect develops (among) the parties and, as always, the job continues to get done."

Diane Neal

Asked if she ever considered becoming a lawyer, Neal says, "No. But I did think about becoming a doctor and took some premed courses in college. But when I realized I preferred acting, that's the direction I decided to follow."

(Note: Diane Neal can be seen in the upcoming feature film "Dracula: Legacy" portraying Elizabeth Blaine opposite **Jason London**.)

DIAL TONES: After weeks of his people talking to their people and back again, **Gary Sinise** has come to terms with CBS and has signed on to star in the newest entry in the CSI franchise, "CSI: New York." ... **Nick Lachhey** of "The Newlyweds" guests on the May 4 season-ender of "I'm With Her," playing a character who makes a play for Alex (**Teri Polo**). ... Bravo has signed **Ross Matthews**, everyone's favorite intern from "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," to do a new comedy-reality series, "The Ross Show."

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Books

Radical Middle:
The Politics We Need Now
by Mark Satin
(Westview, $19.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

Even though the presidential campaign has hardly begun, it has already become quite ugly.

Politics in America has polarized to the point where rancor, name-calling and mudslinging have become the norm. Liberal has come to have almost the same connotation as the label of child molester, and conservative to many denotes right-wing nuttiness. A new book suggests that there is a middle ground for the majority of Americans who are turned off by the bickering and division of politics that have become so common in our country.

Mark Satin, editor of the Radical Middle Newsletter, one of the nation's cutting-edge political periodicals, thinks outside the box. He is the perfect antidote for the nastiness and attack-dog mentality of both Ann Coulter and Al Franken.

Satin believes that before we can move forward as a country, we must get beyond the blame game. In his new book, he insists it is time for the radical middle to step up to the plate and propose bold and innovative solutions to solve many of the major problems we face, including the war against terrorism, health care and corporate accountability and responsibility. By quieting the din of overheated rhetoric, he is convinced we can return to an America that reflects the true expression of rational and creative people. In the temper of this election year, it won't be easy.

"Radical Middle: The Politics We Need Now" is one of the most refreshing political books I've ever encountered. It lists step-by-step how we can, and must, change our society, and that change begins with each of us. This book is highly recommended and is must reading for those who are trying to find a ray of sanity in our present political climate.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

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WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 3 feet 6 inches, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. On this date a year ago the river registered 22 feet 4 inches and a heavy rain was falling with the indication that the river would overflow at the Sacramento weir, which it did a few days after. Yesterday afternoon the first drizzle of rain fell in this section of the state that had been seen for over twenty-two days. This is an extraordinary spell of dry weather and yet the temperature in the Sacramento Valley had been lower during those twenty-two days than at any time during the present winter. This was caused by the constant pall of fog which hung over the valley during that period. The rain of yesterday afternoon dispelled the fog and likely a spell of wet weather or sunshine will follow from now on.

Several families of the Westgate district have been confined to their homes during the past week with severe colds bordering on the flu. Among those are Mrs. Nuttall, Sr., Mrs. Walters, Jack Shea and A. F. Turner. Several other families have also been afflicted but not so seriously as those mentioned above.

A. F. Turner, secretary of Reclamation District 900, has spent the past week in bed at his home with a severe cold bordering on pneumonia. His workers in the office of the district expected him to show up this morning to relieve the congestion consequent to his absence.

John A. McAnulty has been in Oakland and San Francisco during the greater part of the last week. He was expected back this afternoon.

A levee tramp made free with the clothes line of Mrs. Leslie Miller at her home in Westgate last Monday. Following a severe spell of sickness, Mrs. Miller hung out all her bed clothing on the clothes line to get air. Several shirts and some suits of underwear belonging to her husband were also spread out on the line. Noting a plentiful supply of warm underwear the tramp took advange of the occasion and helped himself to the best suit of the lot, also the best overshirt and the best blanket on the line. Mrs. Miller reported her loss to the authorities but no trace of the tramp could be found.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linquist left here last Wednesday for Oakland and San Francisco where they expect to spend a few days visiting friends. They will likely return in their Dodge coupe next Saturday forenoon.

R. Dands, chief engineer of the General Petroleum Corporation, was a visitor in Westgate last Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Dands has his headquarters in Los Angeles and periodically visits all the plants of the corporation. He left here well satisfied with the headquarters at Westgate.

Julius' Italian Restaurant, 303 J St. 75-cent chicken and ravioli dinner Sunday, 11 to 2 p. m., 5 o'clock on. Coolest dining room in Sacramento. (adv

Another official of the General Petroleum Corporation, E. B. Kinney, is also a visitor in Westgate from the Los Angeles headquarters. Mr. Kinney is in charge of many responsibilities and is looking over the prospects for the coming year for his corporation in this locality.

J. J. McNally, proprietor of the West Side Service Station, left here yesterday on a business trip to San Francisco and other southern towns. He is examining plans for a hotel that have been submitted to him and which he expects to build at Westgate at some future date. His partner, Al Partridge, claims that he also took the opportunity of going to the Bay in search of something that would warm up the soul of a good man. McNally is not coldblooded to any extent but the fog of the past two weeks chilled him thoroughly and a wood stove was no excuse in the warming up process. McNally expects to return after getting a few sun baths near the ocean.

Doctor A. Stewart of Boston spent the last two days at the West Side Auto Camp on a tour of California from his home in Boston. Dr. Stewart has retired from active practice and is now touring the United States in search of a locality where he can make his future home. He travels in a Rolls-Royce brougham, which is equipped with everything modern to make travel a comfort. From Westgate he went to Redding yesterday afternoon and expects to spend a few days visiting the northern part of the state.

The Roberts grocery in the West Sacramento Auto Camp was made the victim of an attempted holdup last Wednesday night when some intending robbers broke two windows of the grocery store with a rock, expecting to get away with some of the goods in the store. Evidently they were frightened by the approach of someone in the neighborhood and made their getaway with only one package of breakfast food.

RICH CELERY CROP LEAVING HOLLAND DISTRICT

Clarksburg, Jan 16. — Celery has been going forward to market, chiefly to Salt Lake City, from the Holland Land Company tract at a lively rate. Fred Webber and C. E. King have each been shipping a carload a day. The crop is all fine large heads, some running four dozen to the crate. A carload shipment averages 172 22-inch crates, each weighing 142 pounds, containing on the average of six dozen heads.

TASTY FOOD

American Can Company Plant Will Likely Be Located in Westgate or Some Point Near

W. G. Preis, industrial engineer of the American Can Company, has spent several days of the last week in and around Sacramento looking for a thirty-acre site for a plant which the corporation intends to locate near the Capital City.

Yesterday the Independent received reliable word from substantial authority that a site for the plant had practically been selected on the river front near Westgate.

This is encouraging news to those who have already purchased homes in the community because it is estimated that not less than 150 steady employees will find employment in the plant all year round.

A requisite to the location is that it must be convenient to rail and water transportation. These advantages are tied up in Westgate for not only is the locality connected with the river, but it is also connected with the Southern Pacific Company lines, the Western Pacific lines, the Northern Electric lines, and the Sacramento-San Francisco Short Line.

At any rate, the Independent has positive proof that the industrial agent, Mr. Preis, has looked over the district and given it the consideration it merits.

School Bond Election To Be Held Saturday Draws Undivided Attention of the Taxpayers in This District

In the public school building in Washington tomorrow, Saturday, January 16, the voters of the Washington school district will decide for or against a bond issue of $20,000 to provide additional school room space for the children of the district.

So far as the Independent has heard there seems no doubt that the bond issue will carry. It is imperative on the taxpayers of the district that additional school room space must be provided. Into a building that was intended to house a maximum of 250 children there are crowded now an average attendance of 311.

The auditorium of the school building is now used as a class room. The mechanical arts rooms of the building is also used as a class room. Health authorities will not permit any more crowding in the present public school building.

One of two things must be done. Additional school rooms must be added to the present building or another structure must be erected. The school trustees decided that it would be better to erect another structure and to place the new building in the rapidly growing district between Carly Acres and Westgate. If the building be placed in that locality the cost of transporting the children to the Washington school will be avoided.

If additional rooms be added to the Washington public school the cost of transportation from Westgate and Carly Acres for the children of that district must continue and must be increased from time to time because of the growing number of pupils.

If it should come about that the taxpayers might turn down the bond issue tomorrow the school trustees will be forced to ask that a direct tax be levied on the taxpayers to build the additional school room space. This direct tax would come very heavy on the taxpayers for a year and might not be sufficient to build the class of building that will be needed.

An absolute necessity prevails in this question — more school room space must be provided.

It may be provided at the newly proposed site at a total cost of $20,000 for which the bonds call for.

Or it must be provided by additional school room space at the Washington public school.

To the Independent it appears that it is better to relieve the congestion at the Washington public school by erecting the new building near Westgate and avoiding the cost of transportation.

It will also be more convenient for the children, especially during the wet weather and very warm weather.

At any rate no thinking individual can refuse to provide the necessary school space for the children. That idea must not be forgotten. The authorities will not permit overcrowding and should that overcrowding come about a greater burden may still be visited on the shoulders of the taxpayers.

THIRD STREET RAISED TO GRADE BY PROPERTY OWNERS

An extraordinary change has been made on the appearance of Third street, north of the incline to the Southern Pacific bridge, as far as Elizabeth street. During the past two weeks the property owners on the west side of the street have had a great deal of filling hauled to the locality, raising sidewalks and the west side of the street to the grade of the roadway in the center. Only one low spot remains to be filled and that spot fronts on the holdings of the Southern Pacific Company immediately north of the railroad tracks.

The filling of the low places, especially the sidewalks, along the street has caused a wonderful change in its appearance and in addition has caused an item of danger to vehicle drivers and pedestrians to be removed.

This effective change shows what could be done to help the entire town if only filling was pumped in from the river to raise the streets and property of the town.

Time and again the Independent has advocated this change and it is with great pleasure now that it calls attention to the work being done by the property owners on this street.

The property owners taking a hand in this improvement are H. B. Buckingham, E. A. Palm, Jack Reuther and A. Da Prato.

Other property owners west of the Da Prato home contemplate making similar improvements. They are Nick Gleason, Ray Peek and William Bartlet.

Other localities in town could be improved in like manner with great advantage to the property owners and to the prices being asked for property.

It is safe to say that the cost of the improvements made by the above property owners can be added immediately to the values that were formerly placed on the properties.

The unfortunate part of it is that filling for the entire town of the same kind used on the above properties is not available and therefore the only way to complete it is by pumping from the bed of the Sacramento River.

WEST SACRAMENTO IMPROVEMENT ASSN. HAD BIG MEETING

An enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the West Sacramento Improvement Association was held last Friday evening at headquarters at West Sacramento.

The principal question before the meeting was consideration of the bond issue in the amount of $20,000 to provide school room space for the children of the district.

At the present time the children of the district are attending the Washington public school. This is a great inconvenience which the taxpayers of the Westgate district would like to get over.

A committee of five members was appointed to report immediately, J. B. Carico, C. T. Williams, James McGuire, C. E. Coupe and Leslie Miller.

These held a meeting immediately in another room and were asked to recommend what action the club should take in the matter.

After giving the matter consideration they returned to report that it was the sense of the committee to recommend a favorable vote on the bonds.

The secretary of the association was asked to write P. C. Drescher of Sacramento, asking that he grant a right of way for a telephone line over his land north of the highway near the eastern end of the Yolo causeway.

It seems that residents of that neighborhood badly need a telephone and have signed a requisition for service but are unable to secure that convenience because Mr. Drescher refuses a right of way over his land.

Following discussion of several other important subjects refreshments were served by the ladies of the district.

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REMAINS OF MAN KILLED BY TRAIN FOUND AT MIKON

Woodland, Jan. 11.—Struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train as it neared Micon station, three and a half miles west of Sacramento, last night a man as yet unidentified was instantly killed and his body so mangled that all means of identification have failed.

Examination of the body which is now resting in the morgue here has resulted in not a single clue being found. Both arms were severed, one leg cut off, head severed from the body, and the torso badly crushed. The clothing was badly torn, resulting in not a sign of the name of the maker being found.

The engineer of train number 209 of the Southern Pacific Railroad which was bound for San Francisco, stated that as the train was approaching Micon at 5:50 p. m. last night he noticed a man walking along the northbound track. As the train approached the man he is said to have jumped in front of the onrushing train, evidently with suicidal intent. The heavy locomotive struck him hurling him a distance of many feet.

The body was brought to this city where it was placed in the local morgue. Authorities are puzzled as to where the dead man may have come from and as to what were his reasons for committing suicide.

MONROE WRECKS OLD BARN WHERE GAMES WERE REPORTED

Sheriff J. W. Monroe demolished another Chinese gambling den here today, which opened up despite the sheriff's orders.

The den opened up in a barn down the river, which was once before raided by Yolo County officials, and from which several fines were collected. The sheriff is carrying out his recently announced policy of demolishing gambling dens.

BRYTE RESIDENT FOUND DEAD IN HOME

At his home in Bryte yesterday, Peter Zaikoff was found about two hours after his death. Constable Wilson received word from neighbors that Zaikoff had been very sick and was liable to die. Wilson went to his home as soon as possible after receiving word and found the man had been dead about two hours when he arrived.

The cause of his death was unknown, except that he had been suffering with a severe cold for several weeks and had been drinking considerably for several weeks past.

Zaikoff had lived alone for several years or since he and his wife were divorced. He had been employed by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company in their camps as a painter and carpenter.

Zaikoff had two boys, now aged about 18 and 19 years, who live with their mother in San Francisco. They were notified immediately by Constable Wilson.

Coroner Wilson took charge of the remains and had them removed to Woodland, where an autopsy will be held.

Zaikoff was about 55 years of age, of robust build and was a native of Russia.

DUCK SEASON CLOSED

The duck and goose season closes today, January 15. Hunters must be careful not to be found in possession of birds after sundown today.

The season has not been a good one except for the sportsmen who are members of choice gun clubs.

MUCH ROAD WORK TO BE DONE IN THIS SECTION AT EARLY DATE

At this writing a force of men is busy on the crossing at Kiesel Station on the Sacramento Northern Railway widening the roadway and grading it so that danger to travelers may be lessened in the future.

At this point a woman was killed early last year and her companion, a man, was so badly injured that he spent several months in a Woodland hospital.

It is to prevent future accidents of a similar kind that Supervisor Buckingham is having this work done.

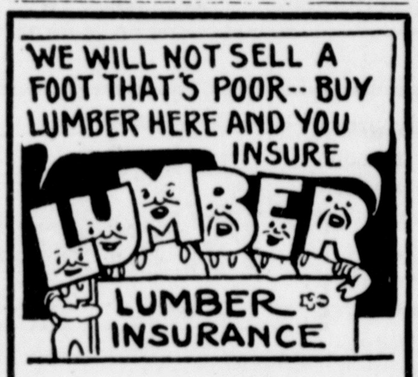
The crossing was poor at best and a great deal of loose rock at either side of the railroad track made the place dangerous. The work will mean a ten foot wider roadway at each side of the railroad tracks and this should help in reducing to a minimum danger of collisions between trains and vehicles at the crossing.

Supervisor Buckingham advised the Independent yesterday that several small bridges near Elkhorn are to be removed and culverts placed instead. The bridges are wooden structures and are becoming worn out and are also in danger of catching on fire. The culverts will be placed so that concrete heads will protect them from damage.

Advice was received also by the Independent yesterday from Supervisor Buckingham that he expects to start placing rock on the levee road south of West Sacramento within the next three weeks. The rock will be placed from West Sacramento headquarters as far south as the French ranch, near Riverview. This work will take considerable time and will be done as far as possible by the farmers of the district.

In Mexico the other day forty bandits were killed off by soldiers without even getting time to say their prayers.

That's the way to handle some of the bandits that are robbing the banks of the United States.



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Submittal of $792,378 grant application to state for expansion of Broderick Boat Ramp; approval of subvention funding for current fiscal year; hearing on appeal of planning commission's approval of permit for Pacific Slavic Baptist Association construction and expansion project of church office previously destroyed by fire; assessment and maintenance for special districts; consideration of potential acceleration of Measure K pavement rehabilitation program; staffing plan for public works department;

The **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

On the agenda:

Workshop on "Ironworks" vesting tentative subdivision maps for 172 single-family residences and 16 apartments on 16 acres on Delta Lane near Raley Field; workshop on draft environmental impact report for "Villages at Southport," in which residential development has been proposed for some of the Southport Business Park; and a discussion with the city attorney regarding how "ex parte" communications should be handled.

The City of West Sacramento invites the public to a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, at the city council chambers to give input on the **selection of the city's next police chief**. Previous chief Gary Leonard has announced his retirement due to health concerns.

CPS Executive Search will work for the city on recruitment, including development of a candidate profile and selection criteria for a new chief.

"The April 29 meeting is a unique opportunity for residents to help outline the type of chief needed to lead the city's police department," said City Manager Toby Ross. "We'd like to see a wide cross-section of citizens participate in the recruitment process."

A special meeting on **"Setting the Vision for the New High School"** will be held by the school board of the Washington Unified School District this Saturday at 8 a.m. at the district office board room, 930 Westacre Road. The public is invited. The district's voters have approved a new school bond to help pay for a new high school, near Jefferson and Linden.

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understanding for almost anyone and/or anything. They will go far out of their way to avoid giving offense as possible, no matter how far out of the mainstream, un-American or twisted the person or practice may be, except for conservatives and our ideas of course. Oh well, "from simple minds come simple aspersions", as I always say.

My Dear Herr, Hope(less): While it is true that any member of congress may go on a fact finding mission to foreign soil, it is incumbent upon them that during a time of conflict they not act or behave in such manner that they give aid to an enemy that undermines the interests and/or policies of the United States as stated by the executive branch. Mike Thompson, while not the self appointed spokesman for his ground of three fact finding congressmen, did, by association align himself with what may be, at best, characterized as intemperate speech. Speech which gave the impression that a sworn enemy of our country was not the murderous dictator and supporter of terrorism he'd already proved himself to be. The treasonous element comes into play when such a speech is given on foreign soil.

As far as Florida 2000 goes, it went like this: The United States Supreme Court told the Florida Supreme Court that they couldn't change the rules during the middle of the election process, as they had done. Essentially they said to them "If you want to rewrite the election laws already in place, you'll have to run for political office to do your legislating and not do it from the bench.".

Finally: We are engaged in what is truly a global war of terror (note the word global). We, and the rest of the civilized world, are at war with an enemy that is stateless, but draws sustenance from certain like minded dictators, leaders, and heads of state throughout the world. This enemy is possessed by a 7th century idealogy that rejects the right to exist to any and all other religions or ways of believing. There is no peace, no truce, no accommodation, no appeasement, except conversion, that will satisfy them and keep them at bay. None. Only death, ours or their, will resolve the matter. I, for one, vote for theirs.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

'Passion': anti-Semitic

I had heard very bad reports about Mel Gibson's "Passion of Christ", so I forced myself to see it today. I never saw such a horribly violent movie in my life! I was shocked at the sick mind that could have fabricated such an unbelievably anti-semitic fiction.

For 2,000 years, the Christians have been persecuting the Jews for killing Christ once. Today I witnessed them killing him twenty times.

In this day and ago of Islamic fundamentalists killing Christians and Jews for being infidels, does Gibson have to whip up more anti-semitism in the Christian community in preparation for another holocaust?

ROBERT A. FELBURG
Cosa Mesa

We're less safe now

After eight months of rhetoric from Bush, Cheney, Rice, Powell, and Rumsfeld, it's obvious they have all lied about why we went to war in Iraq. Bottom line: Bush's war has not made us safer from al-Quaeda. It has given new life to terrorism inside and outside of Iraq and there is no end in sight.

CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento

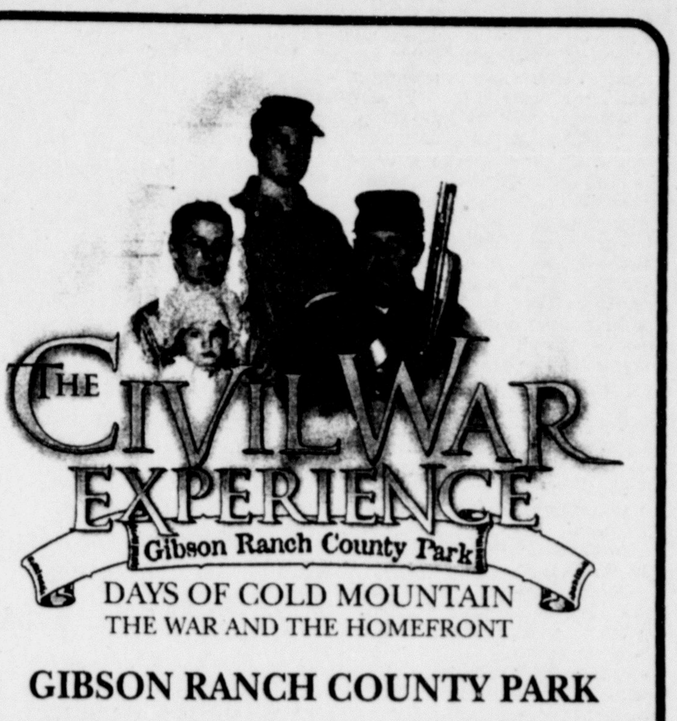
Save the I.H.S.S. program

So, Governor Schwarzenegger showed he does care about people in need by recently rescuing a fatigued swimmer. Maybe if he would spend a few days vacation visiting/living with the disabled folks now being cared for by I.H.S.S. (In-Home Supportive Services) he would realize and appreciate the quality of care they receive in their homes, and at a much lower taxpayer cost. If so, he might back off his "money saving proposal" to reduce I.H.S.S. worker's pay back to minimum wage without fringe benefits.

For if Arnold's plan goes through, fewer folks will be willing to provide I.H.S.S. with their labor, causing major service shortages and further causing most patients to be cared for by much more expensive (3 or 4 times more) nursing homes, costing taxpayers many millions of dollars more per year.

So Arnold, if you truly care for those in need and don't want to waste taxpayers money, please don't destroy this caring and much needed program.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento



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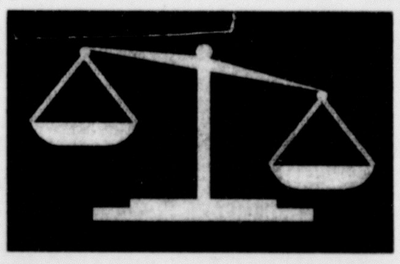

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Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. **Traditional Worship** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor 1511 Delaware Ave., 371-4061 Morning Wrshp/Sun Schl 9:45am Adult choir 4:45pm Child. Choir 5pm/Prayer Grp 6pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Grp 6:30pm Tues. Nite Bible Study 7pm Wed. Nite Akawana (K-6) 6:30 Thurs. Nite Quilting 7pm	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**SouthPort Community Church** Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 ww.southportcommunity.com	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School, 2747 Linden Rd. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

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Local Scene

Yard sale

Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 338 of West Sacramento, will hold a multi-family yard sale on Sat., April 17, at 8 a.m. to benefit "Canines for Companions." The sale will be held at 1824 Rockrose Rd.

'Woodie Guthrie'

Retired law professor Michael Sands will present a one-man show as folk singer Woodie Guthrie as part of a Yolo County Historical Society meeting from 2-4 p.m. on Sun., April 25, at the Methodist Church, 212 Second Street in Woodland. Take I-5 to Main Street in Woodland, exit and turn left. Turn right on First Street, cross Court Street, and note that the back of the church and a large parking lot are on your right. Open to the public.

Auditions

The Woodland Opera House will hold auditions for the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella" on April 17 at 1 and April 18 at 6:30. Prepare one song not part of Cinderella, and bring sheet music; accompaniment will be provided. Resumes and photos appreciated. For more information or to schedule an audition appointment, call (530) 666-9617.

Benefit sale

'Cheers,' at 2435 West Capitol Ave., will host a Spring yard sale to benefit Shriners Children's Hospital on Sun., April 18 at 9 a.m.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration at Washington Unified School District will be held on Tues., April 20. Register at your child's neighborhood school and bring immunization records, proof of physical, birth certificate, social security card and a copy of your PG&E bill for address verification. Immunizations must be up to date.

Church music

Anna Street Baptist Church at 1400 Anna Street invites the public to the gospel music of "Gospel Zion Heirs" during the worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. At the April 25 service, gospel music from "Initial Nucleus" will be featured. Offerings accepted. For more information, call 371-6560.

'Bike-a-thon'

The public is invited to watch as three- and four-year old kids from the James Marshall Parent Nursery School participate in a "bike-a-thon" April 28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Raley's parking lot in West Sacramento.

Recycling

The City of West Sacramento encourages you to celebrate Earth Day through recycling – including "reusing a book" at your local library. At 3:30 p.m. on Thurs., April 22, the city's refuse and recycling division will offer a presentation on recycling "do's and don'ts" at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. During April, library patrons will receive a free recycling-theme bookmark while supplies last.

Youth football

The West Sacramento Junior Raiders invite local kids age 6-14 to register for the coming season. Sign up online at www.westsacjrraiders.com. For more information, call Rick at (916) 417-8406.

Plant a tree

Alumni of Southport Elementary School and other community members are invited to help plant trees at the school from 8:30-11 a.m. on April 24 at 2747 Linden Road. Over 45 trees have been donated by the West Sacramento Tree Farm, and tree farm representative Diane Virdee will lead the planting. Call 375-7890.

Reunion

The James Marshall High School Class of 1974 plans its reunion for 6 p.m. on July 17 at Holiday Inn on J Street in Sacramento. $40 per person. Call Linda (Rusaw) barry at 371-4469 or Susan Bravo, 371-4523.

''West Sac on the Go'

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce's annual "West Sac on the Go" business tour is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 27, departing from Raley Field. Call 371-7042 for information on participating in the event or sponsoring it.

Swim team

The West Sacramento Dolphins Swim Team is sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy in Reno on Sat., April 17, with participants expected to arrive at Southport Elementary School (2747 Linden Rd.) prior to 7:45 a.m. for departure. $26 per person, with a $10 rebate and $5 coupon food coupon upon arrival. Call 371-8405 or 371-4570 for reservations. Proceeds benefit the swim club.

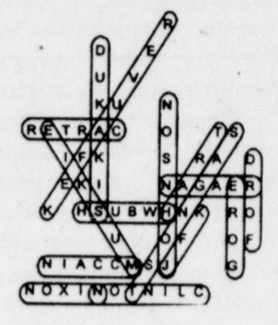
Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a pot luck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street, on Tues., April 20 at 6 p.m. Please bring your own service. The club is a social club for those age 50 and over. Call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Trail riders

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association is sponsoring several upcoming equestrian events, including search and rescue training on May 14, 15 and 16. For more information, call (916) 686-1187.

Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)



Answers

1. In 1989, the Giants lost to Oakland in four games.
2. The Alous (Felipe, Jesus and Matty) combined for 5,094 hits.
3. Rich Gannon.
4. It was the 1985-1986 season.
5. Pittsburgh in 1991 and 1992, and Colorado in 1996 and 2001.
6. The 60-meter hurdles and the 60 meters.
7. In 1991, Leonard lost a 12-round unanimous decision to Terry Norris at Madison Square Garden and then retired.

Differences: 1. Bench is shorter. 2. Ball is missing. 3. Coach logo is miss 4 Neckline is changed. 5. Chest protector is smaller. 6. Post is missing.

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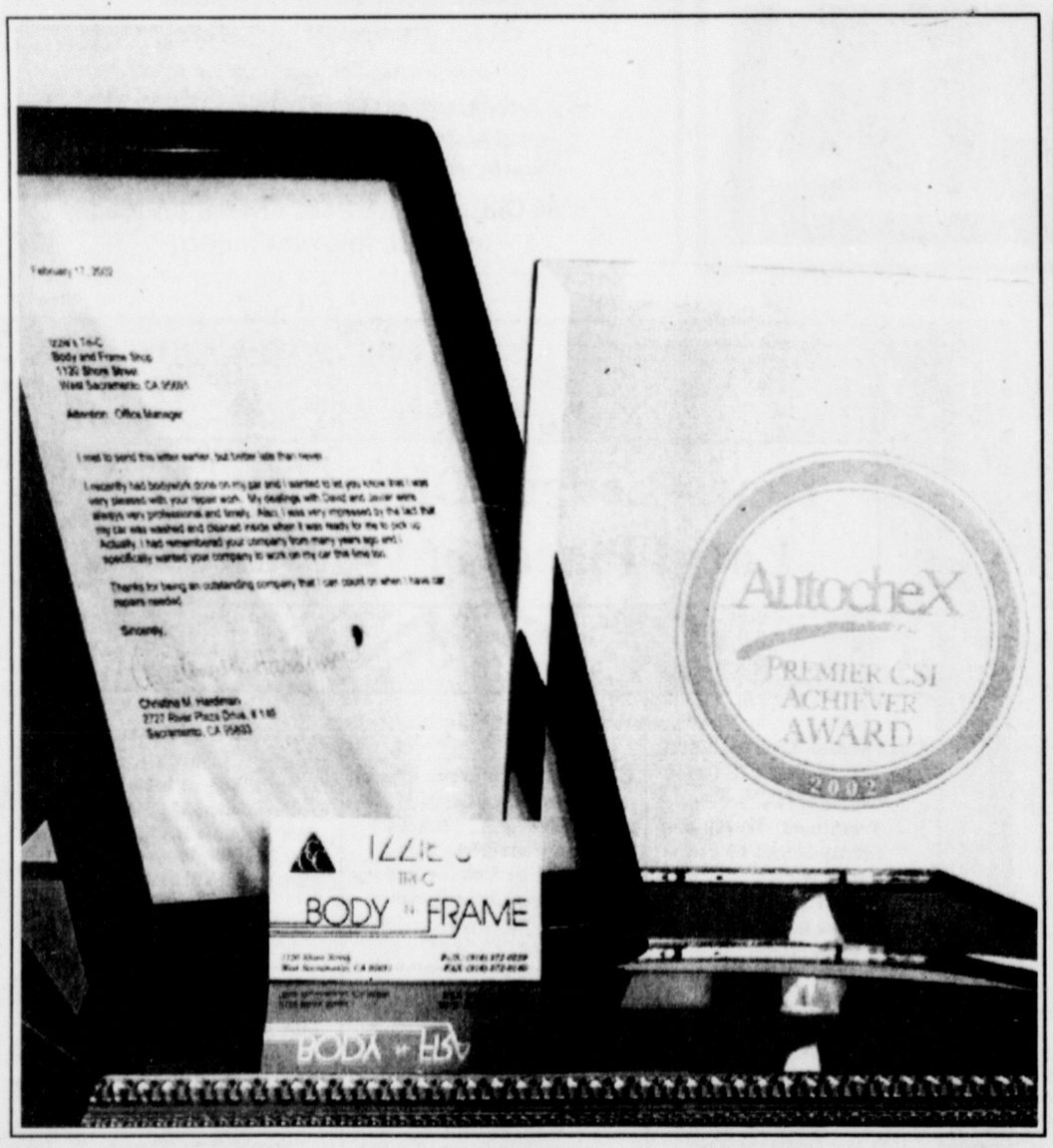

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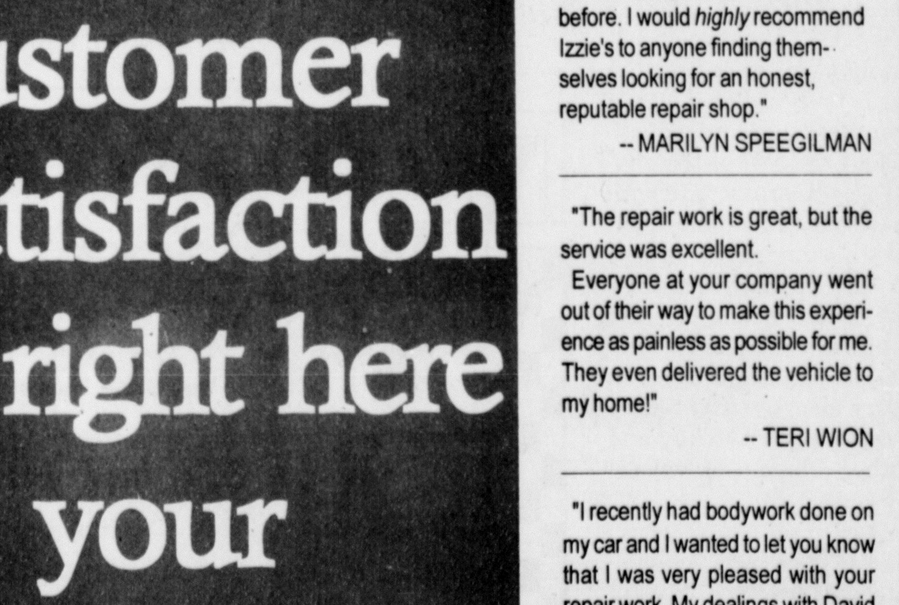
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